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SUBJECT: SOVIET/LIBYAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

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1. LARG MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE MOHAMMAD AHMED AL SHARIF OPENED MEETING OF FIRST LIBYAN ARAB SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY APRIL 22 IN TRIPOLI. OPENING ATTENDED BY SOVIET DELEGATION LET BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF RSFSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS VLADIMIR DEMCHENKO AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA IVAN N. YOKUSKIN.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING DELEGATES CALLED FOR GREATER COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, REFINING, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. TWO DELEGATIONS ALSO PRAISED RESOLUTIONS OF OATUU CONFERENCE, RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES, AND CALLED FOR A "NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER."

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3. SOVIET DELEGATION MET APRIL 24 WITH LARG PM JALLOUD

WHO REPORTEDLY PRAISED SOVIET ROLE SUPPORTING LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS AND ITS MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO ARAB
COUNTRIES. JALLOUD EXPRESSED LAR'S "EAGERNESS" TO
DEVELOP ITS RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION.
USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' DEPUTY CHAIRMAN VLADIMIR
DEMCHENKO EXCHANGED SIMILAR DIPLOMATIC AMENITIES
WITH JALLOUD AND REPORTEDLY CONVEYED GREETINGS FROM
KOSYGIN. DELEGATION ALSO REPORTEDLY HELD A NUMBER OF
MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF LARG GENERAL-SECRETARIAT
OF PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND UNDER SECRETARY OF MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. COMMENT: SOVIET DELEGATION INTEREST IN REFINING
LIBYAN OIL APPEARS ONLY NOTE OF DEPARTURE FROM USUAL
EXCHANGES OF PRAISE, AND CALLS FOR ECONOMIC,
POLITICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION ACCOMPANYING
CREATION OF SUCH FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES.
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